



## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

### ***CATCH OF THE WEEK***

Week of January 31st, 2005

### ***Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets***

<p><b>Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force</b></p> <p>On May 9, 2000, units from the Metropolitan Police Department responded to a residence in Southeast, Washington, D.C., to investigate the report of a shooting. Upon their arrival, they discovered a female victim who had been shot in neck and killed. With her was her infant son, in shock, covered in blood, and crying for his mother. On May 12, 2000, a warrant was issued out of D.C. Superior Court, charging George Riddick with first degree murder while armed. In December 2004, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Investigators pursued Riddick relentlessly, and in January 2005, received information that led the manhunt to New York. On February 3, 2005, investigators from Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force, located and arrested Riddick, without incident, at a residence in Brooklyn, New York. Riddick has been remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals in the Eastern District of New York pending extradition to Washington, D.C.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>George Riddick</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wanted for Murder</b></p>
<p><b>Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force</b></p> <p>On January 26, 2005, a warrant was issued for Akeens Oliver by the Lake County, Indiana, Superior Court for attempted sexual misconduct with a minor and confinement. It is alleged that the victim, a female minor, was picked up in a vehicle by Akeens Oliver and Keith Spencer, and was taken to a residence and given alcohol. It is alleged that the victim was fondled by Oliver and Spencer, dragged into a bedroom and had her clothes taken off before she passed out. The victim was located in an alley, naked, when she woke up. On January 28, 2005, the case was adopted by the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). GLRFTF investigators canvassed several locations and spoke to numerous individuals in an attempt to locate Oliver. On February 1, 2005, GLRFTF investigators obtained a possible address for Oliver in Gary, Indiana, where they located and arrested the subject without incident. Keith Spencer had been arrested earlier by the GLRFTF. Oliver and Spencer face up to 50 years in prison if convicted of the crime.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Akeens Oliver</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wanted for Attempted Sexual Misconduct with a Minor and Confinement</b></p>

## New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On February 4, 2005, after an intense manhunt, 23-year-old Christopher DiMeo, a known heroin user, gambler, and parolee dubbed by the media as the “24-Karat Killer,” surrendered to the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) in Atlantic City, New Jersey. DiMeo was released from prison after serving two years for robbery, burglary, and drug convictions on June 9, 2004. In October 2004, DiMeo stole money from his grandmother’s bank account, as well as her credit card, then stole her vehicle and left San Diego, California. It is alleged that on December 5, 2004, he stole \$100,000 in jewelry from a jewelry store in Westbury, New York. On December 21, 2004, he stole another \$100,000 in jewelry from a jewelry store in Glen Head, New York, this time, killing the store manager in the process. On January 26, 2005, he committed an armed robbery in Nanuet, New York. Then on February 2, 2005, he robbed a jewelry store in Fairfield, Connecticut, killing the jewelry store owner and his wife. Nassau County, New York, Police; Nassau County Homicide Squad, and Fairfield, Connecticut, Police requested assistance from the NY/NJ RFTF to locate and arrest DiMeo.

NY/NJ RFTF investigators were able to determine that DiMeo and his girlfriend, Nicole Pearce, had taken a bus from Brooklyn, New York to Atlantic City, New Jersey, and with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), tracked the couple to a motel in Atlantic City. At 10:00 a.m., on February 4, 2005, Task Force investigators, at the target motel, spotted Pearce in the lobby and took her into custody. Guests of the motel were evacuated and the motel was quickly surrounded by the NY/NJ RFTF, New Jersey State Police and New Jersey State Police sniper team, and the Atlantic City Police hostage team negotiators. The Atlantic City police hostage team negotiated with DiMeo by phone and around 3 p.m. he emerged from his room to surrender. DiMeo is awaiting extradition back to New York and Connecticut where he faces murder charges in both jurisdictions.

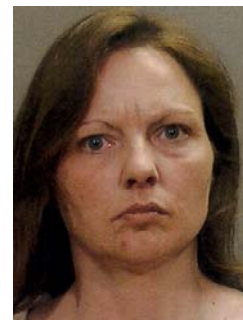
After further investigation, information has been developed that DiMeo was involved in a string of unsolved burglaries in the greater New York area and possibly burglaries across the United States. In one burglary, which occurred in Greenwich, Connecticut, DiMeo stole a 40 caliber H&K automatic weapon which was subsequently used in the homicides. It is alleged that his girlfriend, Nicole Pearce, and DiMeo’s mother, Maryann Taylor-Casey, both assisted DiMeo in the burglaries and robberies and have been arrested and charged with murder in the second degree, along with a variety of other charges.



**Christopher DiMeo**



**Nicole Pearce**



**Maryann Taylor-Casey**



## **Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On February 4, 2005, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with the Gwinnett County, Georgia, Sheriff's Department and the Clarkston, Georgia, Police Department, arrested fugitives William Bullock and Cory Cooper at two separate addresses in the Clarkston, Georgia and Stone Mountain, Georgia areas. Both subjects were members of the CTK (Clarkston Thug Killers) street gang and were wanted by Gwinnett County authorities for their part in an armed robbery which occurred on September 12, 2004. On that date, at approximately 11:00 p.m., four males accosted a female employee of an ice cream store as she was making her nightly bank deposit at a nearby branch. After robbing her of the cash, they forced her out of her vehicle, which they also stole. The car was later recovered and police were able to identify all four subjects. Two of the individuals were arrested shortly thereafter.

After gathering information on the exact whereabouts of Bullock and Cooper, simultaneous entries were made on two separate locations. The first team arrested Cooper at an apartment in Clarkston, Georgia. The second team arrested Bullock at an apartment in Stone Mountain, Georgia, just a few miles away. After making entry into that residence, SERFTF investigators found the fugitive and another male in the living room area, with a .45 caliber Glock handgun in plain view on a countertop nearby. A search warrant executed on the premises revealed approximately two pounds of marijuana, 20-30 ecstasy tablets, scales, and roughly \$6,000 in U.S. currency. On Bullock's person was a small amount of cocaine and an inside-the-pants style firearm holster. Both individuals were arrested without incident. Bullock's criminal history contains three prior arrests for narcotics and burglary while Cooper's consists of nine prior arrests for narcotics, weapons violations, obstruction, and several assaults.

### **Clarkston Thug Killers street gang members**



**William Bullock**



**Corey Cooper**

**Wanted for Armed  
Robbery**

### **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

Joseph Hutchinson was arrested on February 3, 2005 in Lancaster, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF), Deputy Sheriffs from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the LASD Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) special weapons and tactic unit. Hutchinson was wanted by the LASD for murder in connection with the April 2003 slaying of a male victim who was shot by Hutchinson and Juan Trinidad following an argument outside a bar in Lancaster. Trinidad, who had just been released from prison eight days before the murder, was arrested in November 2003; however, Hutchinson, an alleged member of the Mexican Mafia criminal organization, remained a fugitive. In October 2004, LASD Homicide Detectives requested the assistance of the PSWRFTF in locating and apprehending Hutchinson. Following an extensive investigation, which included critical assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), PSWRFTF & LASD investigators developed information that Hutchinson was hiding out at a friend's residence in Lancaster. Further investigation confirmed that Hutchinson was inside, that he was armed and that he was refusing to come out. With the assistance of LASD patrol units from the Lancaster station and Deputies assigned to Operation Safe Streets (OSS), a secure perimeter was established and SEB was contacted. After a six-hour standoff, Hutchinson come out of the residence and surrendered. A subsequent search of the residence led to the recovery of three handguns. The occupant of the house and Hutchinson's girlfriend were also arrested for harboring a fugitive.



**Joseph Hutchinson**

**Wanted for Murder**